

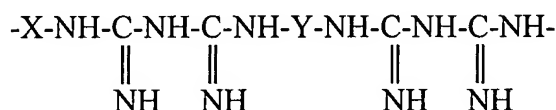
This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (withdrawn): A composition comprising:

- a) a material, said material comprising a surface;
- b) an anionic surfactant on said surface; and
- c) a polymeric biguanide noncovalently bonded to said anionic surfactant.

Claim 2 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 1, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a recurring unit of the following formula, or a salt thereof:



wherein X and Y are bridging groups that may be the same or different, such that the number of N to N carbon atoms within X plus the number of N to N carbon atoms within Y is in the range 9 to 17, where the number of N to N carbon atoms within a bridging group is the number of backbone carbon atoms that, in that group, separate the N atoms adjacent to that group.

Claim 3 (withdrawn): A composition of Claim 2 wherein the polymeric biguanide is polyhexamethylene biguanide (PHMB).

Claim 4 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide is in the range 5 to 50 mg per square meter of the surface.

Claim 5 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 4 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide is in the range 8 to 19 mg per square meter of the surface.

Claim 6 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the polymeric biguanide is

limited to a zone of said surface.

Claim 7 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 6 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide in the zone is in the range 5 to 50 mg per square meter of the zone.

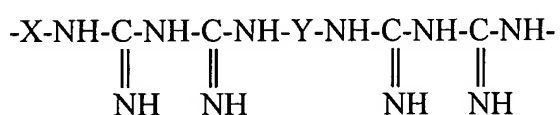
Claim 8 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 7 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide in the zone is in the range 8 to 19 mg per square meter of the zone.

Claim 9 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 1, wherein said composition is produced by a process comprising the steps of:

- (1) pre-treating the surface of the composition with the anionic surfactant, and then
- (2) applying the polymeric biguanide to the surface.

Claim 10 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 9 wherein the polymeric biguanide is applied to the surface using a kiss-on or brush roller.

Claim 11 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 10, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a recurring unit of the following formula, or a salt thereof:



wherein X and Y are bridging groups that may be the same or different, such that the number of N to N carbon atoms within X plus the number of N to N carbon atoms within Y is in the range 9 to 17, where the number of N to N carbon atoms within a bridging group is the number of backbone carbon atoms that, in that group, separate the N atoms adjacent to that group.

Claim 12 (withdrawn): A composition of Claim 11 wherein the polymeric biguanide is

PHMB.

Claim 13 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 9 wherein the polymeric biguanide is applied to the surface using a spray or foam comprising the polymeric biguanide.

Claim 14 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the material is a liquid-pervious nonwoven web.

Claim 15 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 14 wherein the web has a weight in the range 10 to 30 gram per square meter.

Claim 16 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the material is a liquid-pervious apertured film.

Claim 17 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 16 wherein the material has a weight in the range 15 to 40 grams per square meter.

Claim 18 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the material comprises fibers.

Claim 19 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 18 wherein the fibers are selected from the group consisting of staple fibers and continuous fibers.

Claim 20 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 18 wherein the fibers are part of a carded web.

Claim 21 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 18 wherein the fibers have been spunbond, thermally bonded, ultrasonically bonded, adhesively bonded, or combined by hydroentangling.

Claim 22 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 18 wherein the anionic surfactant was

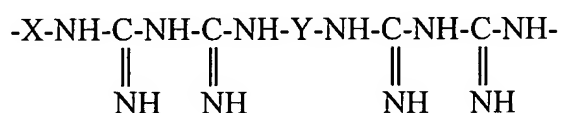
added as a melt additive to the fibers.

Claim 23 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 1 wherein the composition is a topsheet for use in an absorbent article.

Claim 24 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 23 wherein the absorbent article is selected from the group consisting of a disposable diaper, a disposable incontinence pad and a disposable feminine hygiene pad.

Claim 25 (withdrawn): A composition comprising: a) a material, said material comprising an anionic surface; and b) a polymeric biguanide noncovalently bonded to said anionic surface.

Claim 26 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 25, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a recurring unit of the following formula, or a salt thereof:



wherein X and Y are bridging groups that may be the same or different, such that the number of N to N carbon atoms within X plus the number of N to N carbon atoms within Y is in the range 9 to 17, where the number of N to N carbon atoms within a bridging group is the number of backbone carbon atoms that, in that group, separate the N atoms adjacent to that group.

Claim 27 (withdrawn): A composition of Claim 26 wherein the polymeric biguanide is PHMB.

Claim 28 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide is in the range 5 to 50 mg per square meter of the surface.

Claim 29 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 28 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide is in the range 8 to 19 mg per square meter of the surface.

Claim 30 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the polymeric biguanide is limited to a zone of said surface.

Claim 31 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 30 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide in the zone is in the range 5 to 50 mg per square meter of the zone.

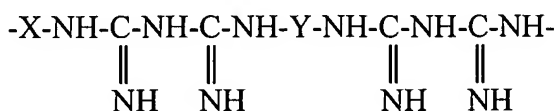
Claim 32 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 31 wherein the concentration of the polymeric biguanide in the zone is in the range 8 to 19 mg per square meter of the zone.

Claim 33 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 25, wherein said composition is produced by a process comprising the steps of:

- (1) pre-treating the surface of the composition with the anionic surfactant, and then
- (2) applying the polymeric biguanide to the surface.

Claim 34 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 33 wherein the polymeric biguanide is applied to the surface using a kiss-on or brush roller.

Claim 35 (withdrawn): The composition of claim 34, wherein the polymeric biguanide is a recurring unit of the following formula, or a salt thereof:



wherein X and Y are bridging groups that may be the same or different, such that the number of N to N carbon atoms within X plus the number of N to N carbon atoms within

Y is in the range 9 to 17, where the number of N to N carbon atoms within a bridging group is the number of backbone carbon atoms that, in that group, separate the N atoms adjacent to that group.

Claim 36 (withdrawn): A composition of Claim 35 wherein the polymeric biguanide is PHMB.

Claim 37 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 33 wherein the polymeric biguanide is applied using a spray or foam comprising the polymeric biguanide.

Claim 38 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the material is a liquid-pervious nonwoven web.

Claim 39 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 38 wherein the web has a weight in the range 10 to 30 grams per square.

Claim 40 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the material is a liquid-pervious apertured film.

Claim 41 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 40 wherein the material has a weight in the range 15 to 40 grams per square meter.

Claim 42 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the material comprises fibers.

Claim 43 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 42 wherein the fibers are selected from the group consisting of staple fibers and continuous fibers.

Claim 44 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 42 wherein the fibers are part of a carded web.

Claim 45 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 42 wherein the fibers have been spunbond, thermally bonded, ultrasonically bonded, adhesively bonded, or bonded by hydroentangling.

Claim 46 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 25 wherein the composition is a topsheet for use in an absorbent article.

Claim 47 (withdrawn): The composition of Claim 46 wherein the absorbent article is selected from the group consisting of a disposable diaper, a disposable incontinence pad and a disposable feminine hygiene pad.

Claim 48 (currently amended): An absorbent article comprising a topsheet comprising

- a) an anionic acrylic polymer ~~surfactant~~ on the surface of the topsheet; and
- b) a linear polymeric biguanide noncovalently bonded to said anionic surfactant.

Claim 49 (original): An absorbent article of Claim 48, said article selected from the group consisting of a disposable diaper, a disposable incontinence pad and a disposable feminine hygiene pad.

Claims 50-55 (canceled)

Claim 56 (withdrawn): An absorbent article comprising the composition of Claim 1.

Claim 57 (withdrawn): An absorbent article comprising the composition of Claim 25.

Claim 58 (new): The absorbent article of claim 48 wherein the linear polymeric biguanide is polyhexamethylene biguanide.